

# California OES Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday, March 3, 2021  
9:00 AM PST

**Day 1 (Wednesday):** Light to moderate rain is expected to spread over southern California later today into tonight, with some light snow accumulation above 5,000 feet. Gusty winds to 50 mph also expected today and this evening over the southern California mountains.

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# **WEATHER KEY POINTS**

**03/03/21 - 03/09/21**

## **Wednesday**

- Light to moderate rain develops over southern California later today into tonight, with snow expected above 5,000 feet
  - Snowfall amounts of 2 to 5 inches over the southern California mountains, with some light amounts of 1 to 3 inches possible over the central Sierra
  - A few thunderstorms are possible as well, though overall rainfall rates look to be low enough to preclude significant runoff issues
- Strong, gusty winds of 30-50 mph expected over the southern California mountains through this evening

## **Thursday-Tuesday**

- Additional strong winds develop over northern and central California Thursday and Friday, especially over the mountains and foothills where gusts of 40-50+ mph are expected
- Several rounds of rain and mountain snow are also expected at times later Friday and through early next week
  - Some locally heavy precipitation is possible, though forecast confidence in the details is low at this time.



# CALIFORNIA WEATHER IMPACTS

03/03/21 - 03/09/21

<u>Hazards / Day</u>	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SAT	SUN	MON
<b>Non-Thunderstorm Damaging Winds</b>	Southern	Coastal/ Interior	Coastal/ Interior				
<b>Snow</b>	Southern (Mountains)		Coastal/ Interior	Coastal/ Interior	Coastal/ Interior	Coastal/ Interior	
<b>Coastal Flooding</b>							
<b>River Flooding</b>							
<b>Thunderstorms</b> (Wind / Hail / Tornadoes)	Southern						
<b>Fire Weather</b> (Low Humidity / Wind / Dry Thunderstorms)							
<b>Heat Risk</b>							
<b>Heavy Rain/Flash Flooding/ Debris Flow</b>							
<b>Cold</b>							



No Impacts



Minimal Impacts



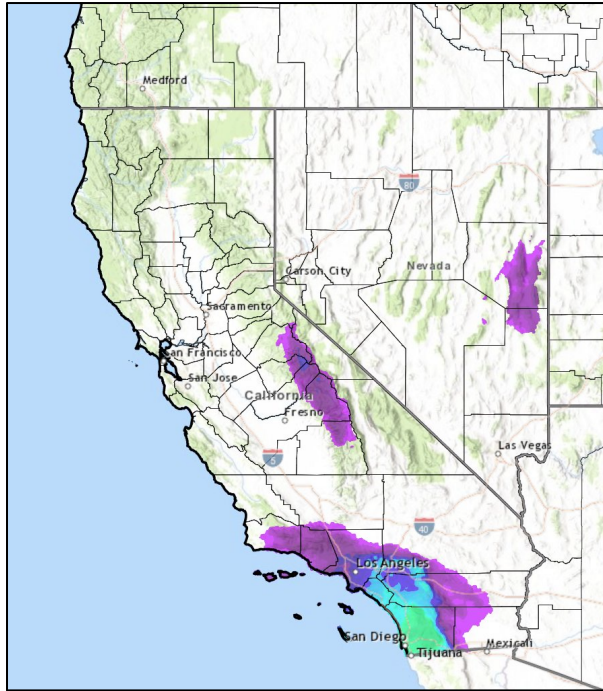
Moderate Impacts



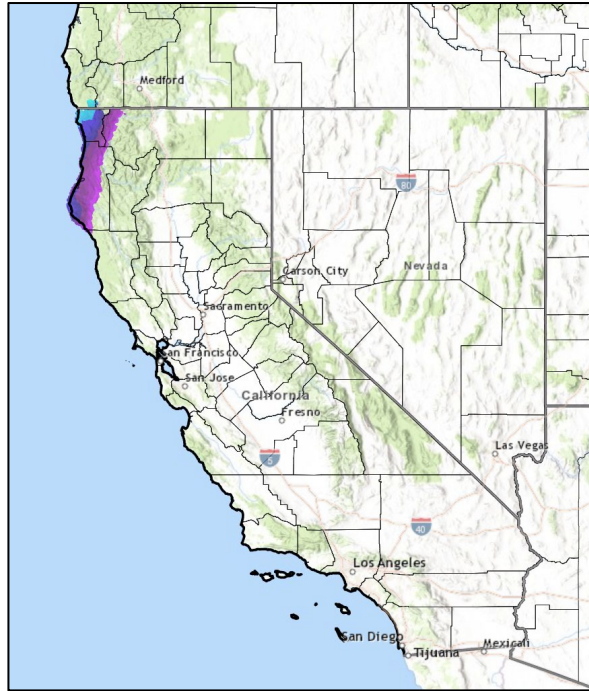
Severe Impacts

# PRECIPITATION FORECAST

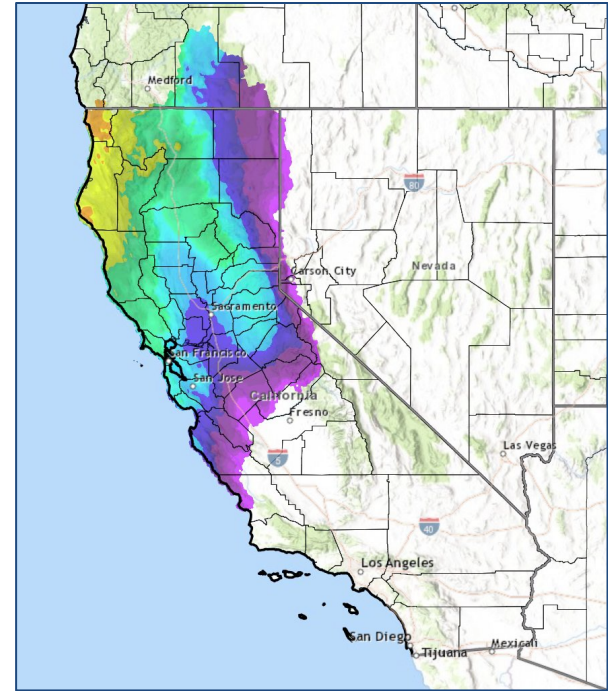
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**Wednesday**



**Thursday**



**Friday**

**Precipitation (inches)**



# **WEATHER OUTLOOK**

**03/08/21 - 03/16/21**

## **6-10 Day Outlook (March 8 – March 12)**

### **Temperatures**

- Below normal temperatures are strongly favored statewide

### **Precipitation**

- Above normal precipitation is favored statewide

## **8-14 Day Outlook (March 10 – March 16)**

### **Temperatures**

- Below normal temperatures are strongly favored statewide

### **Precipitation**

- Above normal precipitation is favored for the majority of the state



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